

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S367–S445

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 231–249, and S. Res. 33–38. **Pages S420–21**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 33, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

S. Res. 34, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

S. Res. 36, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S420**

Measures Passed:

Death of former Senator Wendell H. Ford: Senate agreed to S. Res. 38, relative to the death of Wendell H. Ford, former United States Senator for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. **Page S445**

Measures Considered:

Keystone XL Pipeline—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S372–S408**

Adopted:

By 75 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 18), Murkowski Amendment No. 123 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of the Senate that all forms of unrefined and unprocessed petroleum should be subject to the nominal per-barrel excise tax associated with the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to.) **Pages S377–82, S390, S394–95**

By 64 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 21), Murkowski (for Cornyn) Modified Amendment No. 126 (to Amendment No. 2), to ensure private property is protected as guaranteed by the United States Constitution. **Pages S391, S396–97**

Rejected:

By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 13), Boxer Amendment No. 113 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress regarding federally protected land. (A unanimous-consent agreement was

reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S391–92**

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 14), Fischer Modified Amendment No. 18 (to Amendment No. 2), to provide limits on the designation of new federally protected land. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S377–82, S392**

Cantwell (for Manchin) Amendment No. 99 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress regarding climate change. (By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 15), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S391, S392–93**

Sanders Amendment No. 24 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress regarding climate change. (By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 16), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S375–77, S393–94**

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 17), Lee Amendment No. 71 (to Amendment No. 2), to require a procedure for issuing permits to drill. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S382–90, S394**

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 19), Wyden Amendment No. 27 (to Amendment No. 2), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that products derived from tar sands are crude oil for purposes of the Federal excise tax on petroleum. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Pages S395–96**

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 20), Murkowski (for Blunt/Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 78 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of the Senate regarding the conditions for the President entering into bilateral or other international agreements regarding greenhouse gas emissions without proper study of any adverse economic effects, including job losses and harm to the industrial sector, and without the approval of the Senate. (A unanimous-consent

agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.)

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By 43 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 22), Menendez/Cantwell Modified Amendment No. 72 (to Amendment No. 2), to ensure private property cannot be seized through condemnation or eminent domain for the private gain of a foreign-owned business entity.

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Markey Amendment No. 25 (to Amendment No. 2), to ensure that products derived from tar sands are treated as crude oil for purposes of the Federal excise tax on petroleum. (By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 24), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Carper Amendment No. 121 (to Amendment No. 2), to impose a fee of 8 cents per barrel on oil transported through the pipeline. (By 57 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 25), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Whitehouse Amendment No. 28 (to Amendment No. 2), to require campaign finance disclosures for certain persons benefitting from tar sands development. (By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 26), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Leahy Amendment No. 30 (to Amendment No. 2), to strike a provision relating to judicial review. (By 53 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 27), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Reed Amendment No. 74 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of the Senate that the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program should be funded at not less than \$4,700,000,000 annually. (By 49 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 28), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Murkowski Amendment No. 2, in the nature of a substitute.

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Vitter/Cassidy Modified Amendment No. 80 (to Amendment No. 2), to provide for the distribution of revenues from certain areas of the outer Continental Shelf.

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Murkowski (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 67 (to Amendment No. 2), to restrict the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency to arm agency personnel.

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Cardin Amendment No. 75 (to Amendment No. 2), to provide communities that rely on drinking water from a source that may be affected by a tar sands spill from the Keystone XL pipeline an analysis of the potential risks to public health and the environment from a leak or rupture of the pipeline.

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Murkowski Amendment No. 98 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress relating to

adaptation projects in the United States Arctic region and rural communities.

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Flake Amendment No. 103 (to Amendment No. 2), to require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs.

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Cruz Amendment No. 15 (to Amendment No. 2), to promote economic growth and job creation by increasing exports.

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Moran/Cruz Amendment No. 73 (to Amendment No. 2), to delist the lesser prairie-chicken as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

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Daines Amendment No. 132 (to Amendment No. 2), to express the sense of Congress regarding the designation of National Monuments.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the Murkowski Amendment No. 2 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, January 26, 2015.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Murkowski Amendment No. 2 (listed above).

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4:30 p.m., on Monday, January 26, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the bill, and that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the filing deadline for first-degree amendments be at 3:00 p.m. and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, January 26, 2015.

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Motion to Instruct the Sergeant at Arms: By 89 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 23), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

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Quorum Calls: Three quorum calls were taken today. (Total—4)

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Record Votes: Sixteen record votes were taken today. (Total—28) **Pages S392–98, S405–07**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2015 and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Wendell H. Ford, in accordance with S. Res. 38, at 12:21 a.m. on Friday, January 23, 2015, until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S445.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SYRIAN OPPOSITION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on training and equipping the vetted Syrian opposition from Major General Michael K. Nagata, USA, Commander, Special Operations Command Central, and Matthew J. Spence, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Middle East Policy, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee for the 114th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 34) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight: Senators Crapo (Chair), Roberts, Enzi, Cornyn, Thune, Isakson, Portman, Toomey, Coats, Heller, Scott, Casey, Schumer, Nelson, Menendez, Carper, Cardin, Bennet, Warner, and Wyden.

Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness: Senators Cornyn (Chair), Grassley, Roberts, Thune, Isakson, Portman, Wyden, Schumer, Stabenow, and Nelson.

Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth: Senators Portman (Chair), Crapo, Burr, and Warner.

Subcommittee on Health Care: Senators Toomey (Chair), Grassley, Roberts, Enzi, Burr, Coats, Heller, Scott, Stabenow, Cantwell, Menendez, Cardin, Brown, and Warner.

Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure: Senators Coats (Chair), Grassley, Crapo,

Enzi, Cornyn, Thune, Burr, Bennet, Cantwell, Nelson, Carper, and Casey.

Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy: Senators Heller (Chair), Isakson, Toomey, Scott, Brown, and Schumer.

Senators Hatch and Wyden are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

JOBS AND A HEALTHY ECONOMY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine jobs and a healthy economy after receiving testimony from John Engler, Business Roundtable, Washington, DC; Robert E. Hall, Stanford University Hoover Institution, Stanford, California; and Justin Wolfers, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original resolution (S. Res. 33) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress; and

The nominations of Russell C. Deyo, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, and Earl L. Gay, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

JOB-BASED HEALTH INSURANCE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine job-based health insurance and defining full-time work, after receiving testimony from Betsy M. Webb, Bangor School Department, Bangor, Maine; Andrew F. Puzder, CKE Restaurants Holdings, Inc., Carpinteria, California; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, The American Action Forum, Washington, DC; and Joe Fugere, Tutta Bella Neapolitan Pizzeria, Seattle, Washington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Michael Greco, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York, and Ronald Lee Miller, to be United States Marshal for the District of Kansas, both of the Department of Justice; and

An original resolution (S. Res. 36) authorizing expenditures by the Committee, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 114th Congress.

Also, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights: Senators Lee (Chair), Perdue, Tillis, Grassley, Hatch, Klobuchar, Coons, Franken, and Blumenthal.

Subcommittee on the Constitution: Senators Cornyn (Chair), Tillis, Graham, Cruz, Vitter, Durbin, Whitehouse, Coons, and Franken.

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism: Senators Graham (Chair), Vitter, Sessions, Cornyn, Flake, Whitehouse, Schumer, Klobuchar, and Franken.

Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest: Senators Sessions (Chair), Vitter, Perdue, Grassley, Cornyn, Lee, Cruz, Tillis, Schumer, Leahy, Feinstein, Durbin, Klobuchar, Franken, and Blumenthal.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts: Senators Cruz (Chair), Grassley, Hatch, Sessions, Flake, Graham, Lee, Vitter, Coons, Feinstein, Durbin, Schumer, Whitehouse, Klobuchar, and Blumenthal.

Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law: Senators Flake (Chair), Hatch, Perdue, Lee, Tillis, Graham, Franken, Feinstein, Schumer, Whitehouse, and Coons.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 59 public bills, H.R. 463–521; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 44–47 were introduced. **Pages H530–34**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H534–35**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 7, to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 45. **Pages H485–H511**

Rejected the Moore motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 177 yeas to 240 nays, Roll No. 44. **Pages H509–10**

H. Res. 42, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7), was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 43, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 42. **Pages H485–94**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, January 26th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H513**

Joint Economic Committee—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Amash, Paulsen, Hanna, Schweikert, and Grothman. **Page H521**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H493, H493–94, H510 and H510–11. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its rules, staff list, and oversight plan.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its rules and oversight plan.

EPA'S 2014 FINAL RULE: DISPOSAL OF COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS FROM ELECTRIC UTILITIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled "EPA's 2014 Final Rule: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities". Testimony was heard from Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator for Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Thomas Easterly, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management; and public witnesses.

**A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THE SGR:
THE TIME IS NOW**

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health concluded a hearing entitled “A Permanent Solution to the SGR: The Time Is Now”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**VETERANS’ DILEMMA: NAVIGATING THE
APPEALS SYSTEM FOR VETERANS CLAIMS**

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Veterans’ Dilemma: Navigating the Appeals System for Veterans Claims”. Testimony was heard from Beth McCoy, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Laura H. Eskenazi, Executive-in-Charge and Vice Chairman, Board of

Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JANUARY 23, 2015**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4:30 p.m., Monday, January 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 p.m., Monday, January 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of S. 1, Keystone XL Pipeline, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Murkowski Amendment No. 2 to the bill at 5:30 p.m. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments be at 3 p.m., and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be at 5 p.m.

House Chamber

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